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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed on July 17, 2003, in the above-captioned application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including January 17, 2004. A check in the amount of \$210.00 has already been paid to cover a 2-month extension of time. The amount of \$430.00 is attached to cover the 3-month extension of time fee and Notice of Appeal fee for a small entity. In the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant hereby **appeals** to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the Examiner rejecting claims 20-22 in the above-captioned application.

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